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**Side-by-Side
Comparison
of
Administration's "Green Book"
Proposals
and
House (H.R.3950)
Senate (S.2830)
Farm Bills
As Amended by Floor Action**

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Forestry Provisions Side-By-Side

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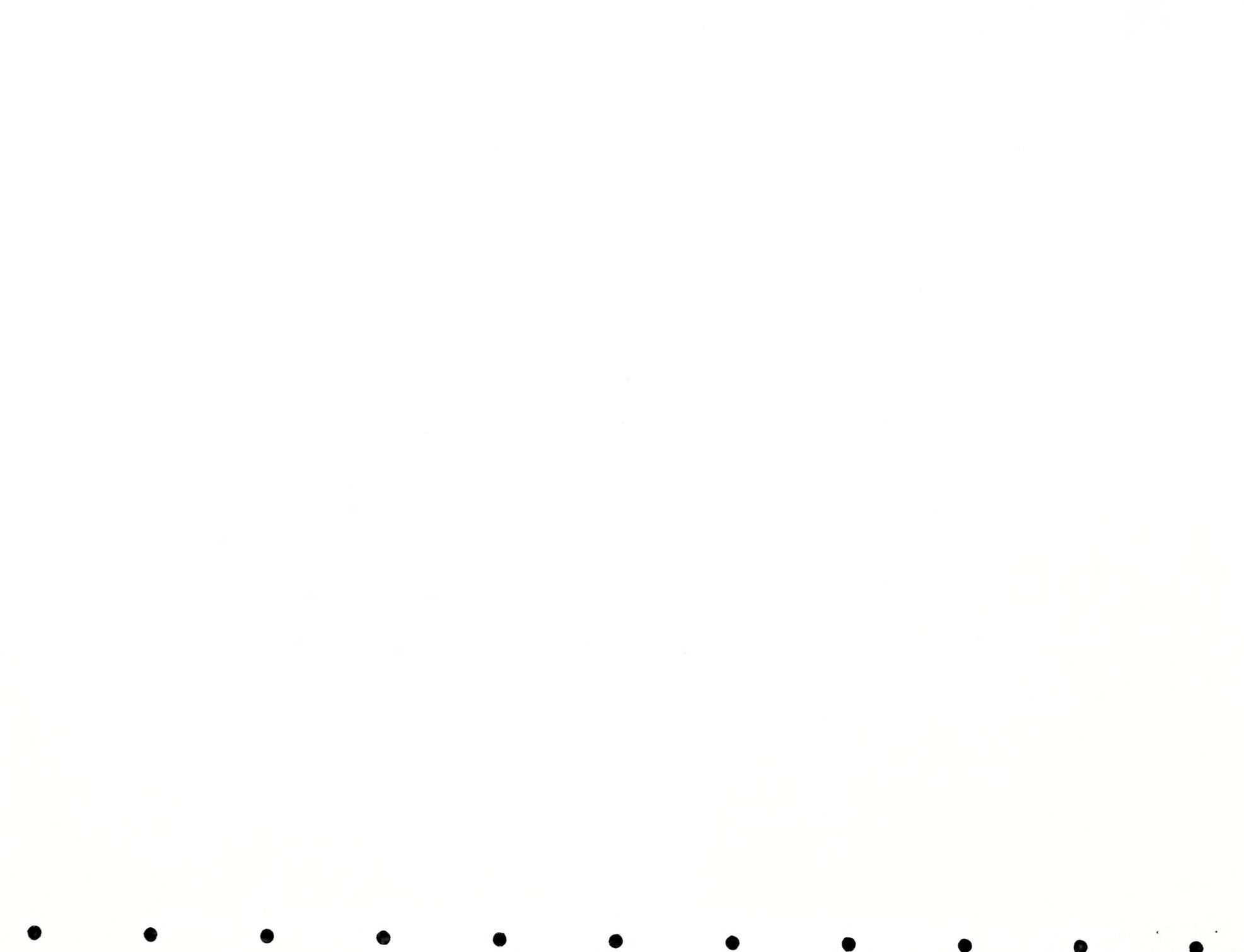
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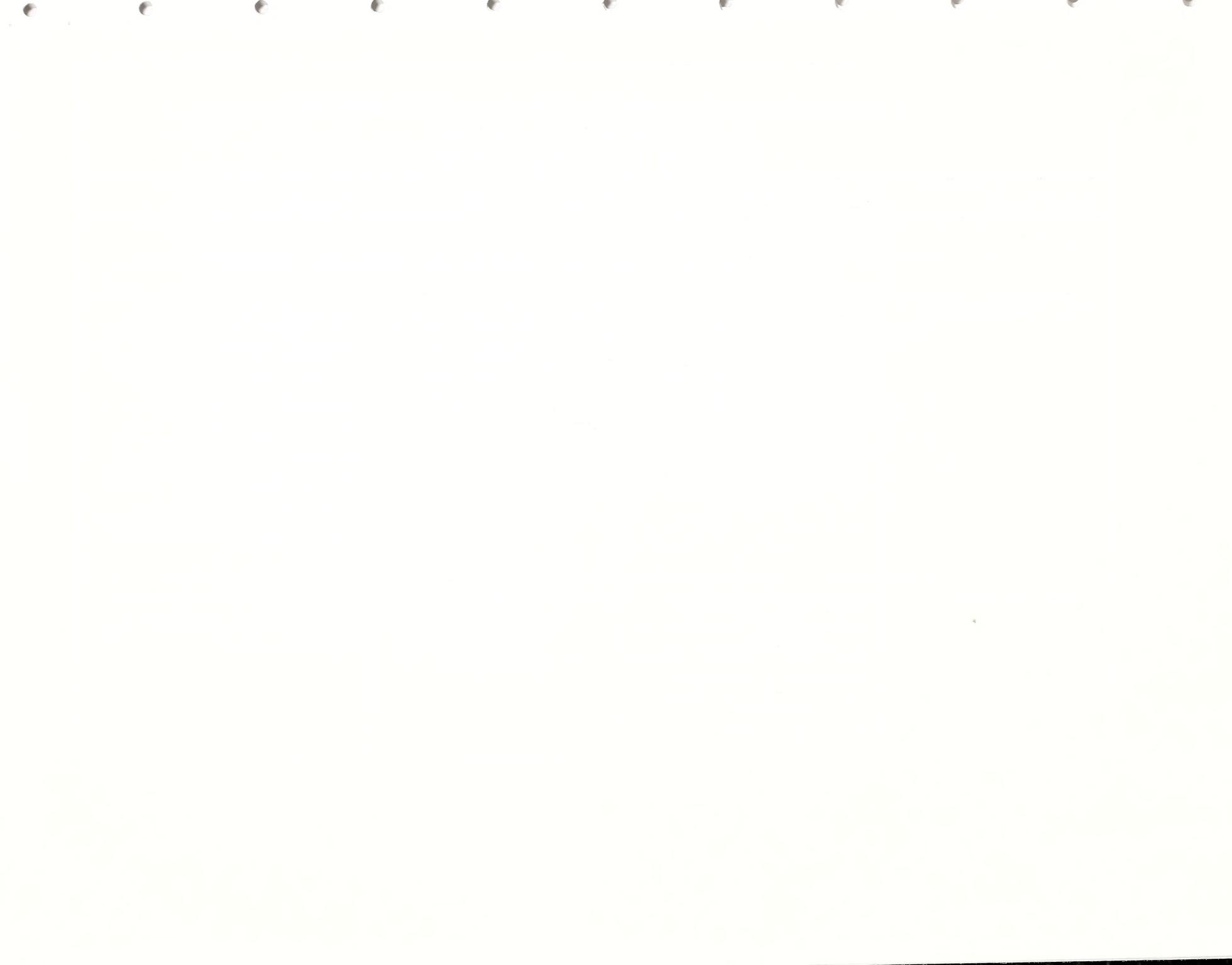


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STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY AND FORESTRY RESEARCH			
Title	Title XV—Forestry, Title XII—Conservation, Title XIV — Research, Title XIX—Related and Miscellaneous Matters, and Title XX—Rural Development.	Title XV—State and Private Forestry, Title XII—Agricultural Trade and Assistance, Title XVI—Conservation, Title XVIII—Improvement of Agricultural Economy and Title XXVII—National Forest Dependent Rural Communities.	Both House and Senate bills include several major amendments to the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (CFAA) and the Forest and Rangelands Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (FRRRA).
1) Forest Stewardship Assistance	Secretary shall establish Forest Stewardship Program within Forest Service (FS) to provide financial and technical assistance for multiple use stewardship practices on private forest lands by assisting owners to more actively manage. Goal: 25 million acres between 1991-95. Authorization: \$25 million annually. Authorizes Secretary to provide financial and technical assistance to State forestry agencies for arboretums, greenhouses, and tree nurseries. (Sec. 1513)	Amends and adds to Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) section of CFAA. Secretary shall establish Forest Resources Stewardship Program to encourage long-term multiple use stewardship practices on nonindustrial private forests by assisting owners to more actively manage. Goal: 25 million acres by Dec. 31, 1995. Authorization: \$20 million annually for FY 91-95 and such sums as needed thereafter (without termination) for multiple use stewardship practices on nonindustrial private forest lands. (Sec. 1507)	<p>House amends FIP section of CFAA; Senate amends Rural Forestry Assistance Section.</p> <p>Although Senate establishes new program in FS, the current "Rural Forestry Assistance Program" in CFAA authorizes financial and technical assistance for a variety of multiple-use purposes on non-Federal forest lands. Such sums as needed are authorized without termination date. (Sec. 3)</p> <p>Both House and Senate versions would broaden existing authority to clearly require that more emphasis be placed on non-timber uses such as wildlife habitat and recreation. Current law authorizes such sums as needed without termination date. House and Senate bills would authorize specific amount for 5 years.</p>



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2) Forest Stewardship Incentives	<p>Secretary shall establish Forest Stewardship Incentives Program within FS for stewardship management practices up to 75% cost-share if landowner agrees to implement an approved management plan for at least 20 years. Ineligible if own more than 1,000 acres of forest land unless Secretary grants waiver. No waiver if own more than 5,000 acres. No cost share if receiving cost share under FIP. Authorizes such sums as needed without termination date. (Sec. 1514)</p>	<p>Authorizes up to 75-percent cost-sharing for stewardship management practices if landowner agrees to implement an approved management plan for at least 10 years. Same acreage limits as Senate. Authorizes \$100 million annually for FY 1991-95 and such sums as may be needed thereafter without termination date.</p>	<p>Secretary <u>shall</u> in Senate and <u>authorized</u> in House. CFAA authorizes "Forestry Incentives" program (FIP) that emphasizes timber production on nonindustrial private lands. (Sec. 4) Senate bill retains FIP and supplements it with "stewardship incentives." House bill eliminates FIP by substituting "stewardship incentives" for "forestry incentives." Senate establishes program in FS. Acreage limits for eligibility same as for FIP. 10 year contracts would be more conducive to participation and cooperation than 20 year contracts. The Senate bill would provide for a broader range of assistance programs to encourage more intensive management of both timber and non-timber resources.</p>
3) American the Beautiful Foundation	<p>Incorporates the President's proposed "National Tree Trust Act of 1990" introduced as S. 2426, except the one-time grant to the foundation would be \$25 million rather than \$35 million. President would designate an existing nonprofit organization to serve as the "foundation." Includes rural and community tree planting components proposed by President. (Sec. 1581-88)</p>	<p>Similar to Senate. (Sec. 1509)</p>	<p>By making America The Beautiful a separate subtitle, Senate language best maintains the integrity of all components of the program in an easily identifiable manner.</p>



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4) Urban and Community Forestry and Community Tree Planting	<p>Secretary, with others, shall establish and implement an urban forestry education and accelerated planting program. Sec. may provide educational activities, technical assistance, matching grants, and research information. Sec. shall establish National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council to develop national action plan. (Sec. 1941-43). Sec. authorized to undertake pilot project to demonstrate benefits of integrating forests in urban development. (Sec. 1944)</p> <p>Secretary authorized to establish community tree planting and improvement program as special component of urban forestry assistance program. (Sec. 1586)</p>	<p>Secretary, with others shall implement urban forestry program to provide education, technical assistance, research, and cost-share up to 50%. Secretary shall establish National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council to develop national action plan. Authorizes \$30 million annually for FY 1990-95. Encourages tree planting to meet goal of 30 million annually. (Sec. 1508)</p>	<p>CFAA authorizes Secretary to provide financial and technical assistance to State forestry agencies to plant, protect, maintain and utilize trees in urban areas. Authorizes such sums as may be needed without "sunset." (Sec. 6)</p> <p>Technically, neither bill fully represents the President's tree planting initiative (see "America the Beautiful" above). However, both bills would contribute to the President's overall objective of tree planting. The mandatory national Council is not needed. Existing coordinating mechanisms between the Forest Service and State forestry agencies are adequate.</p>
5) Rural Tree Planting	<p>Secretary authorized to establish rural tree planting, forest improvement and stewardship program pursuant to Sec. 1514 to meet goal of 1 billion trees annually. (Sec. 1585)</p>	<p>Rural tree planting component achieved through stewardship programs to meet goal of planting 1 billion trees annually.</p>	<p>CFAA authorizes Secretary to provide financial and technical assistance to State forestry agencies for the planting of non-Federal lands. (Sec. 3)</p> <p>The President's proposal specifically calls for \$110 million to implement the rural tree portion of the "America the Beautiful" program. This does not duplicate existing authority under CFAA.</p>

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6) Conservation Easements Senate: "Forest Legacy Program" House: "Forest Reserve Program"	<p>Secretary shall establish Forest Legacy Program by purchasing interests through conservation easements in environmentally sensitive forest lands threatened by conversion to alternative uses. Pilot project shall be established in northern forest lands of NY, NH, VT, AND ME. Additional regional projects after preparing a needs assessment. Also authorizes up to 75-percent cost-sharing for forest management activities on lands within the program. Authorizes such sums as needed without "sunset". (Sec. 1514)</p>	<p>Secretary may establish Forest Reserve Program for protection of environmentally sensitive forest lands threatened by conversion through the use of conservation easements. Secretary shall establish 4 regional pilot projects. No appropriation authorization. (Sec. 1505)</p>	<p>Secretary <u>shall</u> in Senate and House <u>may</u> establish program, but <u>shall</u> establish pilot projects.</p> <p>No similar provision in CFAA. Other laws provide authority to purchase partial interests in land. Modifications needed in both House and Senate bills to make program administratively workable and potentially less expensive.</p>
7) Forest Land Protection Studies New York-New Jersey Highlands Study	<p>Secretary shall conduct a study of forest resources and land ownership patterns of NY-NJ Highlands region within 1 year of enactment to identify and assess forest resources, land ownership and management, impacts of changes, and alternative conservation strategies. (Sec. 1545).</p> <p>Authorization: \$250,000.</p>	<p>Authorizes Secretary to continue to support a study of changing forest landownership patterns in ME, NH, VT, and NY, and to conduct a similar study in the NY-NJ Highlands area. Authorizes appropriation of such sums as needed without "sunset." (Sec. 1506)</p>	<p>Additional participation by the Forest Service is desirable as follow up to the options recently identified in the Northern Forest Lands Study (ME, NH, VT, and NY) since there are large tracts of National Forest land within the region. There are no National Forest lands in the NY-NJ Highlands area, and the proposed study might more appropriately be conducted by State and local interests.</p>



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8) Insects/Diseases Senate: "Forest Health Protection" House: "Insect Control"	<p>Expands CFAA Sec. 5 to include monitoring and assistance for both natural and human causes, such as air pollution. Authorizes Secretary to advance funds from any FS appropriation for emergency pest suppression. Continues authorization of such sums as needed without "sunset." (Sec. 1515)</p>	<p>Amends CFAA Sec. 5 and requires Secretary to provide cost-share assistance (50-75%) to States and others with acceptable integrated pest management strategies for suppression of spruce budworm, gypsy moth, and southern pine beetle. Secretary shall assist in developing such strategies. Authorization: \$10 million annually without sunset. Retains authorization of such sums as needed without "sunset" for remainder of CFAA Sec. 5 (Sec. 1502)</p>	<p>Largely duplicates authority in CFAA (Sec. 5). House bill removes some of Secretary authority to set cost-share rates. Currently, Federal cost share is 25 to 50 percent as Secretary determines.</p> <p>Significantly liberalizes authority to advance other funds for emergency pest suppression.</p>
9) Fire Mobilization	<p>Amends CFAA Sec. 7 to authorize \$100 million annually (without "sunset") to be equally divided between State forestry agencies and rural fire departments to prepare for and fight wild fires. Federal cost share shall not exceed 50%. (Sec. 1516)</p>	<p>Same as Senate bill, except authorization is \$40 million annually. (Sec. 1501)</p>	<p>Duplicates authority in CFAA (Sec. 7) which authorizes Secretary to carry out a comprehensive rural fire prevention and control program in cooperation with State Forestry agencies and rural fire departments.</p> <p>However, both House and Senate bills would create new and expensive programs and remove some of the Secretary discretion to provide assistance to highest priority needs. Statutory 50/50 split may not always be best use of funds.</p>
10) Rural Revitalization	<p>Secretary shall establish educational programs (Extension Service in consultation with FS) and provide technical assistance to promote sustainable and environmentally sound economic development to help forestry dependent rural communities diversify their economies. No appropriations authorization. (Sec. 1517)</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Senate bill would clarify Forest Service authority.</p>



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11) Forest-Dependent Rural Communities Senate: "Rural Partnerships Act of 1990" House: "National Forest-Dependent Rural Communities Economic Diversification Act"	Includes provision to increase the annual authorization for the Rural Reforestation Trust Fund from \$30 million to \$40 million annually of which \$10 million would be used by Secretary to provide economic diversification assistance to communities dependent on Forest Service resource management decisions. (Sec. 2074)	Secretary authorized to assist forest-dependent communities in or near national forests to develop and diversify economically. Secretary authorized to establish teams to prepare action plans, and assist in implementation through education, cooperative agreements, grants and loans. Funding from 5% of National Forests gross receipts (approx. \$50 million/yr.) Annual appropriation. (Sec. 2701)	Certain custom tariffs are held and invested by the Secretary of the Treasury as the Reforestation Trust Fund. Current law authorizes use of \$30 million annually from fund for reforestation and timber stand improvement on National Forest Lands. Both bills would add permanent authority for the Forest Service to take a more active role in rural development and economic diversification. The Forest Service administered \$495,000 appropriated in 1990 for rural economic diversification projects.
12) Coordinating Committees	Secretary shall establish an intra-departmental coordinating committee (ARS, ASCS, ES, FS, and SCS) and state advisory committees to improve coordination of forestry programs on State and private forest lands. Existing State forestry committees may be used to complement, formulate, or replace the advisory committees. (Sec. 1518)	Very similar to Senate bill. (Sec. 1507)	A committee of State Foresters advises the Secretary in the implementation of CFAA. (Section 10) Existing methods for intra-departmental coordination are satisfactory; the Congress should not provide such detailed direction to the Secretary regarding coordination within the Department. Several States already have State forestry committees, and these committees would not be duplicated.
13) Presidential Commission on State and Private Forests	No provision.	President shall establish a 25-member commission to assess the status of State and private forest lands. Commission would report to the President by 12/1/91, and the President would forward report to Congress. Authorizes such sums as may be needed. Commission terminates 90 days after report submitted. (Sec. 1510)	Several studies have examined this issue in recent years, and much has been written as a result. The Resources Planning Act (RPA) Assessment includes current detailed information on the status of State and Private forest lands. The formation of a presidential commission is, therefore, unnecessary.

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14) Blue Mountain Natural Resource Institute	No provision.	Secretary shall establish a research, development, and application project at La Grande, Oregon to compile and develop basic biological and ecological information related to forests and rangelands in WA and OR, east of the Cascades. No appropriation authorization. (Sec. 1511)	Authority to meet objective currently exists.
15) International Forest Resources Institute	No provision.	Secretary shall establish an institute at State University of New York College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry for the purpose of increasing the competitive position of the forest industries of the northeastern U. S. in world markets. (Sec. 1512).	House language would duplicate existing research by the FS and its cooperators. Preference criteria so narrowly drawn that only one university would qualify to establish the institute.
16) McIntire-Stennis Research Program	Reaffirms importance of program. (Sec. 1521)	No provision.	No provision in current law.
17) Competitive Grants	Secretary shall establish a competitive grant program for forestry, natural resources, and environmental research. Such sums as needed for FY 1990-95. (Sec. 1522)	No provision.	Senate bill duplicates existing authority (FRRRA, Sec. 6) under which the Secretary can make competitive grants to public and private agencies, universities, and individuals for both basic and applied forestry research. This section is duplicative and unnecessary.



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18) Southern Forest Regeneration Program and Competitive Grants	Directs Secretary to make a grant to a university in the south to study forest regeneration problems and forest productivity. Authorizes such sums as may be needed. Authorizes competitive grants for southern forest regeneration research. (Sec. 1525-31)	No provision.	<p>FRRRRA (Sec. 4) authorizes Secretary to cooperate with any public or private agency, university, or individual to carry out any aspect of the comprehensive forest and rangeland research program authorized by FRRRRA.</p> <p>Senate language would duplicate existing research by the FS and its cooperators. Preference criteria so narrowly drawn that only two or three universities would qualify to establish such a center. This section is too restrictive and should not be enacted.</p>
19) Environmental Education	Directs Secretary (Extension Service) in cooperation with State Foresters and others to expand environmental education programs. (Sec. 1535)	No provision.	Senate bill would supplement existing authority provided by the Renewable Resources Extension Act of 1978.
20) Forestry Student Grant Program	Amends Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978. Secretary shall establish Forestry Student Grant Program. Secretary shall provide assistance for competitive grant program to assist minority and female students. (Sec. 1536)	No provision.	This provision would contribute to the effort to increase the racial and cultural diversity among the forest and rangeland research workforce.
21) Research and Utilization Forest Inventory	No provision.	Authorizes \$10 million annually without termination to develop and implement improved forest inventory methods. (Sec. 1504)	House bill would expand authority now provided by FRRRRA. (Sec. 3) Would provide for the needed development of new inventory methods.
22) Wood Fiber Recycling Research	No provision.	Authorizes \$10 million annually for FY 1991-95 for expanded wood fiber recycling research. (Sec. 1504)	House bill would add this as a new section in FRRRRA. (Sec. 9) Would facilitate Forest Service research on the use of recycled fibers.



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23) Timber Bridges	No provision.	Authorizes \$5 million annually without "sunset" for cost share for construction of timber bridges and related technology transfer. (Sec. 1504)	House bill would provide permanent authority for the "Timber Bridge Initiative" in FY 1989 and 1990 Interior Appropriation Acts. Funding levels needed to sustain program would be \$3.5 million for the next two years and \$1-\$1.5 million in subsequent years.
24) Forestry Research Needs Assessment	No provision.	Requires Secretary, within 6 months of enactment, to report to Congress on the capability, organization, and funding needs for forestry research in response to National Research Council report. (Sec. 1504)	Would facilitate USDA response to the National Research Council report.
25) Rangeland Study and Research	Encourages Secretary to conduct a study of rangeland carrying capacity, including a strategy for a national rangeland drought research program involving international, Federal, State, and local agencies. (Sec. 1420)	No provision.	Research title of Senate farm bill (Title XIV) No provision in current law. Would facilitate the identification of range research needs.
26) ARS Research	Earmarks 20 percent of ARS appropriation for research on increasing demand for and utilization of farm and forest products. (Sec. 1416)	No provision.	Research Title of Senate farm bill (Title XIV) No provision in current law. The authority and expertise for research on the utilization of forest products is in the Forest Service.
27) Semiarid Agroforestry Research Center	Directs Secretary to establish a center at Lincoln, NE, to conduct research and demonstration projects in semiarid agroforestry. Authorizes \$5 million without "sunset." (Sec. 1541-44)	Same as Senate bill except authorizes such sums as needed without "sunset." (Sec. 1513)	No provision in current law. Would enhance the Secretary's ability to conduct such research.

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28) International Trade Report	Requires Secretary to report to Congress on the promotion and participation of wood and wood products in USDA international trade programs. (Sec. 1551)	House bill contains similar language in trade title. (Sec. 1242)	No provision in current law. Diverts program funds away from exporting commodities.
29) Forest Products Exports	Requires inclusion of forest products as "agricultural products" for the purposes of export credit programs. (Sec. 1121)	No provision.	Wood and wood products currently receive fair and equitable treatment under USDA export programs.
30) Disaster Assistance	Authorizes Secretary to establish (within FS) an Emergency Reforestation Program for forest lands damaged by natural disasters. Cost sharing up to 75 percent for landowners with approved forest management plans. Ineligible if own more than 1,000 acres of forest land unless Secretary grants waiver. No waiver if more than 5,000 acres. Retroactive to Sept. 1, 1989. Authorizes such sums as may be needed. (Sec. 1561-65)	Authorizes Secretary to assist landowners who suffer destruction of 35 percent or more of a tree stand to weather, related condition or wildfire. Reimbursement up to 65 percent for losses in excess of 35%. Annual limit of \$25,000 per person, ineligible if gross revenue exceeds \$2 million, or owns more than 1,000 acres of forest land, or owns more than 500 acres of trees producing annual crops for commercial purposes. No separate appropriations authorization. (Sec. 1503)	Supplements several existing authorities Secretary has to respond to emergencies affecting forest and agricultural lands. Senate is retroactive to Sept. 1, 1989. Example of House "related condition" is insect problem worsened by weather.
31) Forestry and Global Climate Change International Forestry Cooperation	Authorizes Secretary to provide technical assistance to other countries for a comprehensive program of tropical forestry research, technology transfer, and management. Authorizes such sums as needed (Sec. 1933)	No provision.	Expands authority under FRRRRA (Sec. 4) and the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, as amended. Provisions in subtitle of Related and Miscellaneous Matters title of Farm Bill. (Title XIX) Senate bill would provide desirable clarification and expansion of authority for the Forest Service.



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Forestry and Global Climate Change (Con't). 32) Tropical Deforestation Assessment	Authorizes Secretary to cooperate with tropical countries and with UN-FAO in support of programs to address tropical deforestation. Authorizes such sums as needed. Calls for assessing the status of tropical forestry. (Sec. 1934)	No provision.	Expands and clarifies existing authority. Such an assessment is very much needed.
33) Training for Tropical Forestry	Authorizes Secretary to support tropical forestry training activities within and outside the U.S. (Sec. 1935)	No provision.	All of these sections would provide much needed expansion and clarification of existing authority for the Forest Service to carry out a comprehensive international/tropical forestry program of research and technical assistance.
34) Institute of Tropical Forestry	Secretary shall expand facilities in support of tropical forestry in Puerto Rico. Requires Secretary to report to Congress within 1 year on plans for such facilities. (Sec. 1936)	No provision.	All of these sections would provide much needed expansion and clarification of existing authority for the Forest Service to carry out a comprehensive international/tropical forestry program of research and technical assistance.
35) Research on Global Warming, Forests, and Agriculture	Secretary shall conduct studies and research regarding global climate change and agriculture and forestry. Secretary shall establish technical advisory committee to advise concerning major research areas. Study required within 24 months. (Sec. 1923-1930)	No provision.	All of these sections would provide much needed expansion and clarification of existing authority for the Forest Service to carry out a comprehensive international/tropical forestry program of research and technical assistance.

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Forestry and Global Climate Change (Con't). 36) Forestry Planning and Global Warming	Requires that RPA Assessment, RPA Program, and National Forest Plans address their effects on global climate change. (Sec. 1940)	No provision.	All of these sections would provide much needed expansion and clarification of existing authority for the Forest Service to carry out a comprehensive international/tropical forestry program of research and technical assistance.
37) Biomass Energy Demonstration Projects	Authorizes Secretary to carry out such projects in cooperation with private industry, Federal and State agencies, and others. Requires consultation with Secretary of Energy. (Sec. 1943)	No provision.	All of these sections would provide much needed expansion and clarification of existing authority for the Forest Service to carry out a comprehensive international/tropical forestry program of research and technical assistance.
38) Forestry Research and Global Warming	Authorizes Secretary to conduct "renewable resource response to environmental stress research" (Sec. 1945)	No provision.	All of these sections would provide much needed expansion and clarification of existing authority for the Forest Service to carry out a comprehensive international/tropical forestry program of research and technical assistance.
39) USDA/DOD Cooperation	Authorizes Secretary to cooperate with the S/D to study reforestation and management of DOD forested lands. (Sec. 1946)	No provision.	New authority.
40) Forest and Rangeland Inventory	No provision.	Directs Secretary to inventory forested rangelands annually and make the information available to the public. (Sec. 1845)	New authority. Currently, inventory done once every ten years. This would be prohibitively expensive and difficult to accomplish.

COMPARISON OF PROPOSALS FOR THE 1990 FARM BILL

S. 2830 (Passed Senate 7/27/90)
H. R. 3950 (Passed House 8/1/90)

Item/Feature	Senate (S. 2830)	House (H.R. 3950)	Comments
STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY AND FORESTRY RESEARCH			
41) Talladega National Forest Boundary Expansion	Directs Secretary to acquire by purchase, donation, or exchange certain lands (reference map) for inclusion in the Talladega National Forest, Alabama. (Sec. 1571)	No provision.	New authority. This boundary extension is consistent with ongoing FS land acquisitions in the area.
42) Noxious Weed Control	Establishes national and regional programs to coordinate control, research and educational efforts for noxious weed management on Federal, State and private lands. (Sec. 1271-78)	Requires cooperative agreements between Federal and State agencies for noxious weed management on Federal lands. (Sec. 1617)	Integrated resource management across all ownerships is required for successful noxious weed management. Senate bill provides a better mechanism to achieve this coordination. Both bills would formalize in statute, to a large extent, Federal/State coordination already under way.

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7/20/90	Senate	Urban Forestry Council	Establishes a 15-member National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council. (Sec. 1943)	3
7/20/90	Senate	Noxious Weed Control (noxious weeds also included in Part II: Conservation)	Establishes a national coordinated program for noxious weed management on Federal, State, and private lands. (Sec. 1271-78)	13
7/20/90	Senate	Rangeland Carrying Capacity	Requires Secretary to conduct a study to include a strategy for a national rangeland drought research program involving international, Federal, State and local agencies.	9
7/23/90	Senate	ARS Research Budget	Earmarks 20% of ARS appropriation for research on increasing demand for and utilization of farm and forest products. (Sec. 1416)	9
7/23/90	Senate	Forest Product Exports	Requires inclusion of forest products as "agricultural products" for the purposes of export credit programs. (Sec. 1121)	10
7/23/90	Senate	New York-New Jersey Highlands	Requires Secretary to conduct a study of forest resources and land ownership patterns in the NY-NJ Highlands region within 1-year of enactment. (Sec. 1545)	4

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7/23/90	Senate	Biomass Energy Demonstration Projects	Requires Secretary to consult with the Secretary of Energy in carrying out biomass energy demonstration projects. (Sec. 1944)	12
7/24/90	Senate	Rural Development	Inserts a new title, "Rural Partnerships Act of 1990" which includes a provision to increase the authorization for the Reforestation Trust Fund from \$30 million to \$40 million annually. Additional \$10 million would be used by the Secretary to provide economic diversification assistance to communities dependent on Forest Service resource management decisions. (Sec. 2074)	6
7/25/90	Senate	America The Beautiful National Tree Trust Foundation Rural Tree Planting, Forest Improvement and Stewardship, Community Tree Planting	Incorporates the President's proposal introduced as S.2426, except the one-time grant to the foundation would be \$25 million rather than \$30 million. Includes authorization for rural and community tree planting programs. (Sec. 1581-1588)	2
7/25/90	Senate	Production and Distribution of Tree Seeds and Seedlings	Authorizes Secretary to provide financial and technical assistance to State forestry agencies for arboretums, greenhouses, and tree nurseries. (Sec. 1513)	1
7/26/90	Senate	Urban Forestry Demonstration Projects	Authorizes Secretary (through FS NA-S&PF) to conduct a study and demonstration projects to demonstrate the benefits of retaining and integrating forests in urban development. (Sec. 1943A)	3
8/1/90	House	Tree Planting Foundation	Basically the same as the President's proposed "National Tree Trust," except the one-time grant to the Foundation would be \$25 million rather than \$35 million. (Sec. 1509)	2

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